

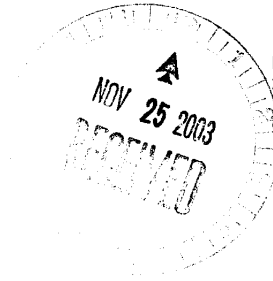
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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams  
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Re: **Finance Docket No. AB-279 (Sub-No. 3) 209493**  
**Canadian National Railway Company -- Adverse**  
**Discontinuance -- Line of Montreal, Maine & Atlantic**  
**Railway Ltd. in Aroostook County, Maine**

**Finance Docket No. AB-124 (Sub-No. 2) 209494**  
**Waterloo Railway Company -- Adverse Abandonment --**  
**Line of Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway Ltd. in**  
**Aroostook County, Maine**

Dear Secretary Williams:

On behalf of James E. Howard, Chapter 11 Trustee of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company ("Trustee"), we hereby seek clarification of the decision served by the Board in this proceeding on November 21, 2003. In that decision, the Board extended the deadline for the filing of protests by CN and Fraser to the Trustee's Application from November 28, 2003 to December 11, 2003. The Trustee respectfully requests that the Board issue a decision making December 11, 2003 the applicable deadline for the filing of all comments and protests to the Trustee's Application.

The Trustee believes that the December 11, 2003 deadline should apply to all comments and protests. In its November 21 decision, the Board indicated that the Trustee's voluminous Application raises important issues. All parties that intend to comment on the Trustee's Application deserve the benefit of the extra time that the Board has given to CN and Fraser.

The Trustee respectfully requests that the Board give expedited consideration to this request so that it can issue a decision on this matter by this Wednesday, November

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26. Otherwise, due to the intervening Thanksgiving holiday, the Board will be unable to provide sufficient notice to parties that are interested in commenting on the Application that the applicable deadline has been extended from November 28, 2003 until December 11, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Edward J. Fishman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Aroostook Railroad Company, et al.**

cc: Parties of Record (Via Facsimile)  
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